

2019 West Tennessee Fair Housing Celebration

Fair Housing: Where Do We Go Now?

Thursday, April 11, 2019

National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN

- 7:30 A.M. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 A.M. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
Beverly Watts, Executive Director- Tennessee Human Rights Commission
Harrison McIver, CEO Emeritus- Memphis Area Legal Services
Patrice Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer-Office of Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris
Doug McGowen, Chief Operating Officer-Office of City of Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland
Willie Henry, Deputy Director-Office of Congressman Steve Cohen
Terri Freeman, President-National Civil Rights Museum
Presentation of Proclamations
- 8:30 A.M. **Disabilities and Housing:** Freda Turner, Staff Attorney-Memphis Fair Housing Center-Memphis Area Legal Services
- 9:30 A.M. **Lending and Home Ownership Panel Discussion**
Laura Swanson, Housing Strategy & Civil Rights Compliance Advisor- Tennessee Housing Development Agency
Ella Harris, Customer Account Manager- Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA)
Keith Turbett, Community Development Manager-First Tennessee Bank
Moderator: Juanita Hamilton, Down Payment Assistance Manager- City of Memphis Housing & Community Development
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. **Fair Housing Update- HUD and THRC**
Carlos Osegueda, Regional Director-Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Sabrina Hooper, Deputy Director-Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC)
- 12:00 P.M. **Lunch and Keynote Speaker:** Lisa Rice, President & CEO-National Fair Housing Alliance
Weaponized Data: How Information & Technology Restrict Housing Access and Harm Communities
Introduction of Speaker: Beverly Watts
- 1:15 P.M. . **BREAK**
- 1:30 P.M. **Veterans and Fair Housing:** Mike Ellis, Veterans Affairs Officer-Shelby County
- 2:30 P.M. **Landlord Tenant Issues Panel Discussion**
Milandria King, Managing Attorney-Memphis Fair Housing Center- Memphis Area Legal Services
Vanessa Bullock, Housing Managing Attorney-Fair Housing Director-West TN Legal Services
Ben Sissman, Attorney at Law-Sissman Law Offices
Moderator: Joyce Cox, Manager- Office of Communications & Civic Engagement, City of Memphis Housing & Community Development
- 3:45 P.M. **Closing Speaker:** Prof. Demetria Frank, Assistant Professor of Law-University of Memphis
Introduction of Speaker: Harrison McIver
- 4:20 P.M **Closing Remarks**
Beverly Watts and Harrison McIver
- 4:30 P.M. Adjourn